

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. BA-2763

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Orem

and/or common Marshall

2. Location

street & number 603 Murdock Road

not for publication

city, town Baltimore

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>agriculture</u>
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>government</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>no</u>	<u>military</u>
			<u>museum</u>
			<u>X</u> park
			<u>private residence</u>
			<u>religious</u>
			<u>scientific</u>
			<u>transportation</u>
			<u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert and Susan Marshall

street & number 603 Murdock Road

telephone no.: 410 377 2855

city, town Baltimore,

state and zip code MD 21212

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Towson Courthouse

liber 8517

street & number Chesapeake Ave

folio 832

city, town Towson

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Not Applicable

date

federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See supplemental pages.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This building is significant in that it is a good example of the bungalow type of architecture being built in the Anneslie area at its time of development around the early 1920's.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Polk's Baltimore Suburban Directory, 1955

R.L. Polk and Co. Publishers at 2910
W Clay Street, Richmond, Va. pg 40

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

c

D

E 

F

G 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tracy Marshall

organization Goucher College date Dec 15, 1944

date Dec 15, 1994

street & number 603 Murdock Rd. telephone 377 2855

telephone 377 2855

city or town Baltimore state MD

state MD

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Documenting Historic Properties

Marcia Miller

December 15, 1994

The historic Orem house is located at 603 Murdock Road. It is part of Anneslie, a northern Baltimore suburb. The prominent facade faces north onto Murdock Road. The house is a bungalow with asbestos tile siding and roof. Stone steps lead up to a recessed porch with six carved columns and carved latticework. The current porch is 1993 replacement. The original porch had square tapered columns without any details. Where the current latticework is was previously filled in with the same siding as the rest of the house. This facade has two wide bays. The first contains the entrance which is a 15 light frame door with plain four inch molding for the architrave. The second bay contains a paired set of 6/1 windows. The second level has a centered triple set of the same type windows with shutters. The house has a gambrel roof with deep eaves.

The west facade is asymmetrical. On the northern side of the facade are two iron laced windows that flank an exterior chimney. A bay window is on the southern side and is made up of three single windows of the same type aforementioned. The second level has a pair of the same windows just north of the center of the facade. The foundation is of cement blocks and there is a two light window on each side of the facade.

The southern facade has three bays. The first bay has paired six light windows. These panes are smaller in size than the previous windows. The center bay contains an

entrance with the same architrave as found on the northern facade. The door has only 9 panes. The eastern bay has a 6/1 window but these six panes are of the smaller size. The second level has two 6/1 windows as found on the northern and western facades. One window is in the western bay and one in the center bay.

The eastern facade is asymmetrical also. The southernmost portion of the facade has one of the smaller sized six over one windows. Moving toward the center of the facade is a pair of the larger windows. To the northern side of the facade, closer to the front, center is an entrance. The door is wooden panelled with four windows in the top and two wood panels in the bottom. The architrave is the same as the other entrances but it has a gabled porch hood. The second level has a pair of small one pane windows on the south side. To the right of these there is another of the smaller windows that are six over one. To the north of the facade is the side view of the recessed porch. There is one basement window on the southern end of the facade that matches the windows on the opposite side of the house.

The interior is a side passage asymmetrical floor plan with a living room, den, dining room, and kitchen. The entrance incorporates the stairway. It is an open string stair that rises on the eastern side of the house. There is a large wooden square colonial revival column newel post. The heavy wood continues on as the handrail. The balusters are smaller wooden square columns. The trim of the doorways and windows is the same throughout the house. The trim is four inches thick but plain. The top of each door and window's molding has convex carved steps.

The most formal room is on the east side of the entrance hall. It has a double door entrance. The doors are now gone but evidence remains that there were once double doors

by the hardware in the floor and hinges that are left. The mantel is plain with a heavy shelf and brickwork on the face of the fireplace. Although unlikely, there is the possibility that there was more to the mantel but at this time the area above the mantel is covered by a full mirror mounted on the wall.

On the southern end of this room is another double sized entryway where doors also used to exist like the one before mentioned. This leads into the next dining room on the first level. This room contains the three windows forming a bay window. There are two doors on the eastern side which lead into a small den area and the kitchen.

The small den is centrally located on the eastern side of the first floor. It contains the one doorway which was cut through at a later period. This is the only doorway that has a different architrave. It has two inch molding around the entrance with no additional details. This door leads to the kitchen. The thing to note here is that the windows and doorway are the same except they are lacking the extra detail at the top of the architrave.

The second floor plan has a central hall with rooms radiating to the north and west. The predominant room, or master bedroom, is on the north side of the house. It contains the three set of windows on the north facade. The second largest room is on the west side of the house opposite the stairway. There is a bathroom on the east side adjacent to the stairway. A linen closet is opposite the bathroom and between the two smaller rooms. The smallest room is on the south side of the house. The molding and details follow the same as on the first floor.

The attic runs the length of the house with a low ceiling. The attic is insulated. The basement stairway runs along the east end of the house with a small three foot square landing

in the center of the stair. This is where the western facade entrance comes into the house, directly underneath the first level stair. It is also open string and the eastern entrance to the house is on a middle landing of this stair. The basement walls have been built out with panelling to create storage areas.

The yard lot of the house is small. There is a driveway on the east side of the house which leads to a two car garage behind the house. The garage is a square building with the same siding as the main house. The northern facade has the two car doors. The western facade has an entrance with the same architrave as the main house. This entrance is on the northernmost portion of this facade and the rest is plain. The southern facade has a pair of 6 light windows. The eastern facade is plain.

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Deed Research for 603 Murdock Road

Liber: 8517 Folio: 832

Date: May 25, 1990

Deed, \$155,000.00

Grantor: Rosemary Mukhopadhyay

Grantee: Robert and Susan Marshall

Liber: 6810 Folio: 490

Date: October 8, 1984

Fee simple deed, \$5.00 "...the actual price to be paid is \$71,000.00)"

Grantor: Daniel R. Synkowski

Grantee: Rosemary C. Synkowski

Comments: "...the parties having been husband and wife it the intention of this deed to vest the entire title to the aforesaid property in the sole name of Rosemary Synkowski."

Liber: 6039 Folio: 131

Date: June 18, 1979

Fee simple deed, \$5.00

Grantor: John J. Gilmore and Margaret S. Gilmore, his wife

Grantee: Daniel R. Synkowski and Rosemary C. Synkowski, his wife

Liber: 5220 Folio: 527

Date: September 24, 1971

Fee simple deed, \$5.00

Grantor: Thomas Lawrence Seymour and Ellen Marie Seymour, his wife

Grantee: John J. Gilmore and Margaret S. Gilmore, his wife

Liber: WJR 3944 Folio: 540

Date: April 11, 1951

Fee simple deed, \$5.00

Grantor: Ellen M. Cross

Grantee: Elizabeth S. Jett and Reese L. Jett, her husband

Comments: "...and being the same parcel of ground and premises described in a deed of even date herewith and intended to be recorded the simultaneously herewith, from Elizabeth Jett and Reese, her husband, the Grantees herein unto Ellen M. Cross, the Grantor herein."

Liber: RJS 1319 Folio: 17

Date: October 28, 1943

Fee simple deed, \$5.00

Grantor: Ruth R. Hall and Stephen C. Hall, her husband and Marjorie V. Mills and James H. Mills, her husband

Grantee: Elizabeth S. Jett

Comments: "...grant and convey unto the said Elizabeth S. Jett...estate being an undivided 2/3 interest in...Being the same parcel of ground granted by Charles B. Mann 3rd, unmarried unto Emma Orem, widow for and during the term of her natural life with the remainder over upon her death unto the said Elizabeth Jett, Ruth Hall, and Marjorie Mills, her daughters as tenants in common share and share alike."

Liber: CWB Jr 1153 Folio: 532

Date: April 16, 1941

Mortgage

Grantor: Emma Orem

Grantee: Charles B. Mann

Comments: "...to secure the repayment of the sum of \$1400.00 and interest."

Liber: CWB Jr 1075 Folio: 441

Date: September 27, 1939

Mortgage

Grantor: Emma Orem

Grantee: Charles A. Sacra and Minnie L. Sacra, his wife

Comments: "...the mortgagor has this day borrowed from said mortgagees the sum of \$1400.00 to be repaid with interest payable half-yearly at 4% per annum at the expiration of 5 years from this date..."

Liber: WPC 597 Folio: 498

Date: August 25, 1924

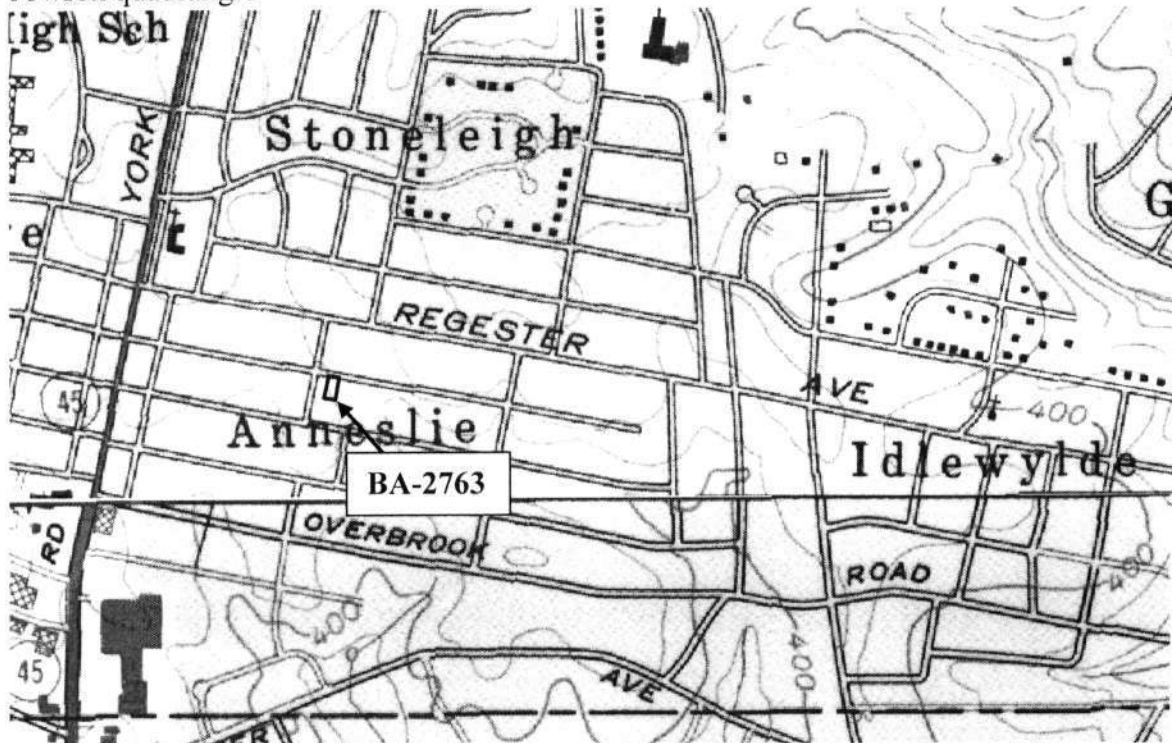
Deed, "In consideration of \$1200.00."

Grantor: Charles H. Steffey, Incorporated

Grantee: John E. Orem and Emma Orem, his wife

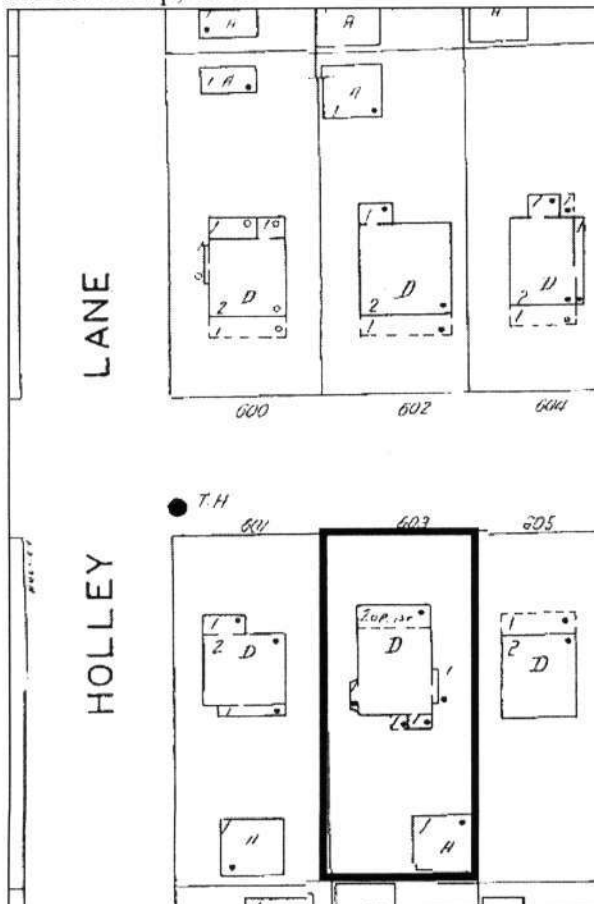
Comments: "...filed with a mortgage from Charles Mulligan to Lennox Birckhead and his wife dated May 23, 1922."

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 Orem House (Marshall House)
 603 Murdock Road, Govans
 Towson quadrangle



Sanborn Map, 1955

Microsoft Virtual Earth image, 2007





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Orem house
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Northfacing facade

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Western facade

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Southern facade

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Eastern Facade

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Eastern Facade entrance

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Staircase

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Mantel + Fireplace

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Windows that flank fireplace-detail

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Front entrance - Interior

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